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ŧFAM-CASEYŧ
ŧBY ROY GUTMANŧ
WASHINGTON, DEC 2, REUTER -- A SENATE COMMITTEE SAID TODAY THAT AFTER A FOUR-MONTH INVESTIGATION IT COULD FIND NO BASIS FOR CONCLUDING THAT CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY DIRECTOR WILLIAM CASEY WAS UNFIT FOR HIS JOB.
BUT THE SELECT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE CRITICISED MR CASEY FOR OMITTING A LARGE AMOUNT OF INFORMATION ABOUT HIS PREVIOUS ACTIVITIES WHILE A PRIVATE CITIZEN AND ABOUT CURRENT INVESTMENTS IN FORMS SUBMITTED BEFORE HIS SENATE CONFIRMATION LAST JANUARY.
IT ALSO RAISED THE QUESTION WHETHER MR CASEY HAD ACTED IMPROPERLY IN FAILING TO REGISTER AS A FOREIGN AGENT IN 1976 WHEN HE REPRESENTED THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE INDONESIAN OIL PRODUCER PERTAMINA.
THE COMMITTEE INQUIRY WAS SPARKED BY THE SUDDEN RESIGNATION BY CASEY DEPUTY MAX HUGEL FOLLOWING ACCUSATIONS BY FORMER BUSINESS ASSOCIATES OF ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER STOCK TRADING PRACTICES BY HUGEL.
MR CASEY VOLUNTEERED AT A HEARING ON JULY 29 THAT THE HUGEL APPOINTMENT WAS A MISTAKE FOR WHICH HE TOOK FULL RESPONSIBILITY, THE COMMITTEE SAID.ŧ
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